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MEMORIAL DAY 25 May 1987



Memorial Day is a patriotic holiday. A day set aside to honor our members of the Armed Forces who gave their lives for their country. Memorial Day started right after the Civil War but now includes honoring all those who died in all the wars that followed. Memorial Day Services are held at Memorial Shrines and cemeteries throughout the United States and Overseas as a grateful nation honors their war dead.

Your National Headquarters personnel participated in the Memorial Day Services held at Arlington National Cemetery. If you were to visit the cemetery on this day you would see more than 185,000 small American flags positioned on the graves of our heroes who died in the service of our great country. Thirty eight veteran organizations participated in the Memorial Services which started at 1100 hours. Members of these patriotic units, wearing their distinctive insignia and carrying large American Flags along with their organizational standards, filed into the outdoor marble amphitheater and took up positions along the inner wall. Our flags were carried by our Vice Pres. for membership, Neil B. Thompson and Darrell Kuhn. Thousands of patriotic American and government officials and the clergy were also there. The Memorial Day speaker was the Hon. James H. Webb Jr., Secretary of the Navy.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies in the Amphitheater, all Veteran Organizations, to include our VBOB personnel, took their respective positions to the right of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. As each Unit's name was called out, their representatives move forward and presented a wreath at the tomb. Our beautiful wreath was presented by George Chekan, our National President, assisted by Dorothy S. Davis, Recording Secretary, Army Nurse, 57th Field Hospital. A wreath was also presented by President Wright Robinson of the VBOB's MD-DC Chapter. Memorial Day services at Arlington National Cemetery was a beautiful sight to see and remember.

Eugene G. Drouillard
VP for Military Affairs



President George Chekan and Dorothy S. Davis, recording secretary, preparing to present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

From The President—

What a moving experience it was for me to represent VBOB and place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during, what I consider, the most impressive ceremony I have ever attended.

I was particularly proud that we were one of 38 veteran organizations chosen to participate. When they called out "Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge" it brought back vivid memories of our historic stand against a German onslaught more than 40 years ago.

Hope to see you all in Syracuse—particularly those of you that will be attending for the first time.

George

GEORGE CHEKAN
President

To the Sound of Trumpets

The Germans tended to attribute American victories over them to overwhelming material resources and manpower, which more than made up for the indifferent fighting qualities of the G.I.... This line of thought persisted until the German Ardennes offensive of December 1944.

What has come to be called the Battle of the Bulge gave the Germans a chance to test their notions of qualitative superiority. They had roughly equal numbers, the element of surprise, and overcast skies that robbed the Allies of air support. Charles MacDonald, who fought in the battle and then wrote perhaps the best history of it forty years later, described the American soldier caught up in the German offensive as "surprised, stunned, unbelieving, incredulous, not understanding what was hitting him." Yet generally he stood fast, fought tenaciously, and bought precious time for Allied commanders to take countermeasures. The analysts of the German high command Fremde Heere West acknowledged as much. In a report on the Ardennes fighting dated January 20, 1945, they called the American soldier a "first-rate, well trained, and often physically superior opponent." The bitter cold in which the American had fought, often without adequate clothing, had had "no decisive effect on his morale." American defense of villages in the Ardennes had been stubborn and effective: "Often units inside strong-points had to be wiped out in hand-to-hand fighting." When they attacked, American troops showed themselves to be "tough fighters in close quarters," able to carry the fight despite the lack of air or armor support. If there was a single battle in which the G.I. Army demonstrated its purely human qualities, to friend and foe alike, it was the Battle of the Bulge. Charles MacDonald was right to argue that it was "a story to be told to the sound of trumpets."

(From Lee Kennett's *G.I. The American Soldier in World War II* (N.Y.: Chas. Scribner's Sons, 1987).

Our Disabled American Veterans

They served our flag and country
With dignity and pride.
On battlefields throughout the world
They fought to stem the tide.

They did not ask the question why,
When they were called to fight.
They gave their best, part of themselves
For freedom's precious light.

The pain and suffering that they bear
The balance of their days,
Tear at our very hearts and souls
In far so many ways.

We owe more than our gratitude
To disabled of our land.
They do not ask for charity
But just our helping hand.

...Harold F. Mohn



CRIBA Research

Any members who may know anything of the following servicemen are asked to contact CRIBA (Center for Research & Information of the Battle of Ardennes), 22 Thier de la Chartreuse, 4020 LIEGE, Belgium.

Belgian Charles Demoulin, age 13 in 1944, remembers Wm. Beaver and Charles Miller, 2d Inf. Div, who were billeted in his home in Vielsalm before 12/12/44. He also remembers David Lampart, 75th Inf Div (?) who was in Vielsalm in January 1945.

A family in Chevron remembers Capt. Bruce C. Good, Hq, 329th Engr. Bn, and Capt. Joseph H. Bernfeld, Coast Artillery Corps, who may have come from Fifth Ave, NY.

Victor Gregoire knew Pvt. A. J. Santiana, 554th QM R/HD Co.

And a family in Ville du Bois knew, possibly before the Battle of the Bulge, Melvin Singer.

Members Speak Out

Harold Rammel, Co. C, 318th Inf, 80th Div, writes that he was wounded in both legs and hip near Hosingen and could not walk. His unit retreated and a tank came by and dropped him a rope. He was dragged across the hill. He has been trying to find the tank crew which saved his life. Anyone with info is asked to write Harold at 3300 Rossburg Lights, Rossburg, OH 45362.

Theodore Feldman, 101st Abn, writes of his seven children, 23 grand-children, seven great-grandchildren and four more on the way. He is a new life member of VBOB.

Wendell O. Anderson, Co. M, 137th Inf, 35th Div, started farming after WWII, then drove a truck, was a service representative and retired early due to ill health.

Michael Mitroff, Hq Btry, 42d FA Bn, 4th Div, was in Paris when it was liberated and was a radio operator during the Hurtgen Forest fighting. He and his wife have been back to Europe twice again.

Ed Kahner, 16th FA Obsn. Bn, writes to say that he and 18 other veterans of the Battle of the Bulge met last December in Dunn, NC for their annual meeting. Beside Ed, the following other VBOB members attended: Halford Coleman (Gp Hq, 196 FA AABn); David Grimes (77th Evac); Woodrow Hodges (Hq Btry, 259 FA Bn); Wm. Robert Strickland (Co. A, 51st AIB, 4th Armd Div), who organized these meetings; J. Morris Wade (101st Abn. Div) and Edward J. Winstead (Hq, 3d Bn, 104th Inf, 26th Div).

Stanley F. Festa, 511th Engr. Lt. Ponton Co, writes to say his unit meets twice a year in June and October and congratulates their CPT, R. G. Guenter, VBOB's Public Relations Officer.

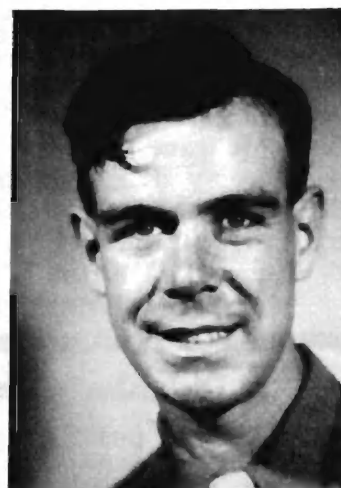
James Hennessey, Co. E, 345th Regt, 87th Div. was wounded in action in Germany. He retired from the US Postal Service in 1982 after carrying letters for 35 years. (How many letter did you carry, Jim? ...Ed.) He wants to hear from his comrades of the 87th. Write him at 27 Dodge St., Bayonne, NJ 07002.

Ted Lazarakis, Co. B (Rifle Co), 16th Inf. Regt, 1st Inf. Div, (Cont'd. above)

was wounded in the town of Faymonville when half of his company were killed or wounded; he was in the Monschau area.

Douglas D. Pickering, Co.C, 290th Engr. Combat Bn, helped on a bridge over the Rhine at Worm. He'll never forget the snow in the Ardennes. He was 100 yards away from Gen. Patton when the general was involved in the auto accident which was to take his life.

Ernest Clemence, a medical aid-man attached to B Btry, 399th FA Bn, 8th Armd. Div, writes that, as the first shell landed, the call for Medics was sounded and he went from his fox-hole on the double and through the detonation of the other shells, to the side of the wounded and twice shells landed only yards from him. He defied this problem and continued getting water for the wounded. The battalion physician later stated that Clemence had done an excellent job of first aid and that his patient would live.



VBOB OFFICER NOMINEES FOR NEXT YEAR

The following Elected VBOB Officer Nominees are to be presented at the 1987 General Membership Meeting in Syracuse September 17-19, 1987:

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CHAPTER NEWS

THE MARYLAND - D.C. CHAPTER IN ACTION

In January, with 16 inches of snow, the Chapter cancelled its regular meeting and held it in April and is now in its new headquarters, the Mayo, MD American Legion Post 226 and resumes business as usual. The new officers, directed by President Wright Robinson, were installed by National VBOB President George Chekan. They are Clarence Lyall, 101st Abn; Art Gordon, 99th Inf; Tom Brooks, 26th Inf; Harold Bohn, 30th Inf; Phyllis Thompson and Neil Thompson, 740th Tank Bn. After the installation, retiring President Thompson presented awards of appreciation to his past officers.



From left, Wright Robinson and Phyllis and Neil B. Thompson consider a course of action.



Clockwise from left, Dorothy Davis, George Chekan, Peter Dounis, Robert VanHouten and Elturino Loiacono.

The National President discussed the up-coming event, the General Membership Meeting, in Syracuse, NY. Further, Chapter members discussed their annual wreath-laying ceremonies at five state cemeteries on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. The Chapter will also be represented at the Maryland Massing of the Colors on Flag Day, June 14th.

To carry out these endeavors the Chapter will have a Las Vegas Night in August to cover the expenses of their cemetery programs. The next regular meeting of this active chapter will be July 26th at the American Legion Post in Mayo, MD. ...P. G. Dounis

Changes at VBOB HQ

Miss Eva Popovich (Poppy), OSS in WWII, who has been a mainstay at VBOB, had to retire due to her health. The work she was responsible for has been contracted out to Movers' Information Services. So, if you want to write to an individual, address your notes to Dale Chaplin. She and her husband, Ollie, will be processing your mail and checks.

Mail will continue to be addressed to VBOB, PO Box 11129, Arlington, VA 22210-2129. Distribution will be made by Movers' Information Services.

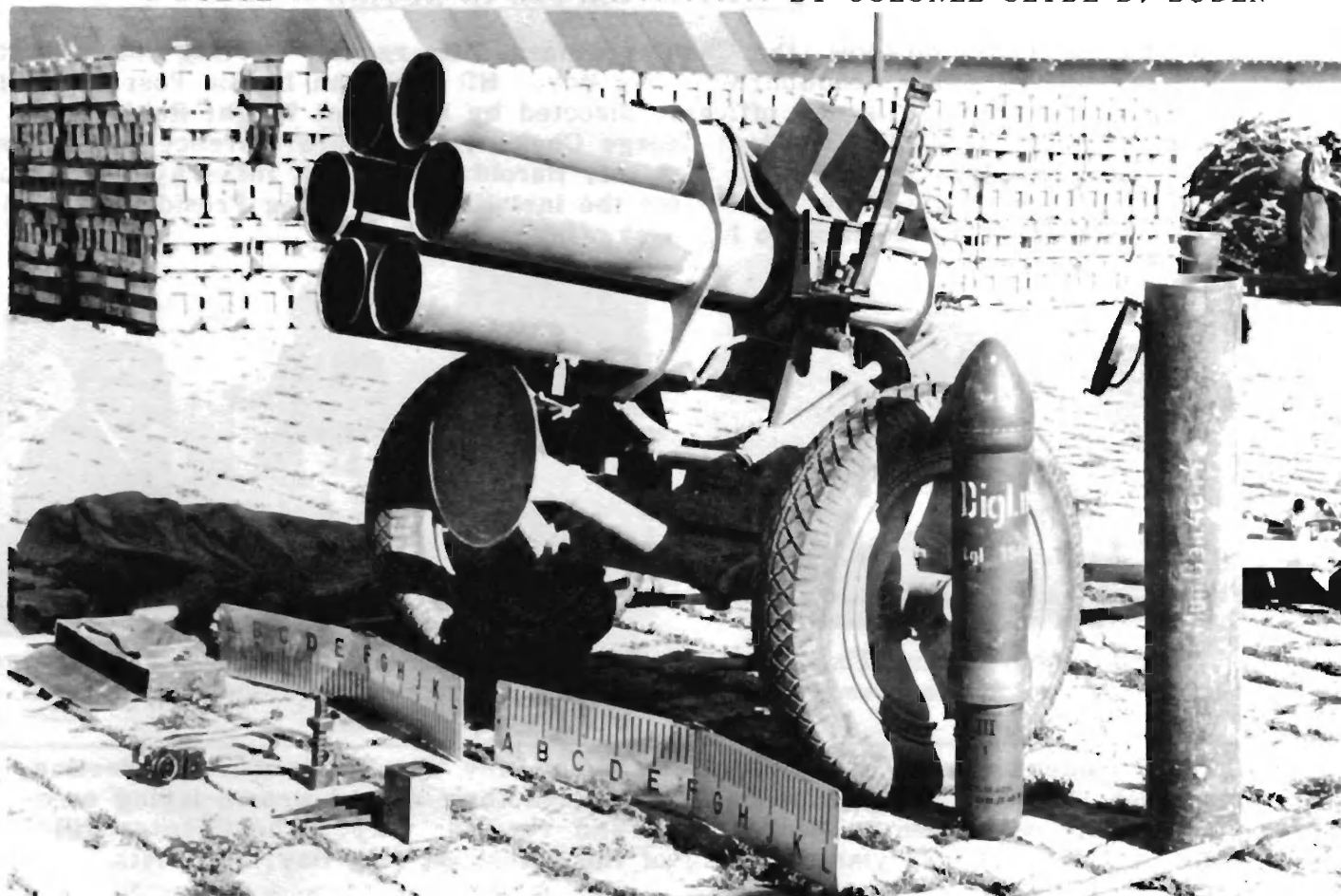
Headquarters management has been trans-

ferred to the various officers. President George Chekan will handle general questions; Bill Greenville, Executive VP, will handle General Membership Meetings; Delilah Dounis - 1987 General Membership Meeting; Bob Van Houten - Chapter organization; Neil Thompson - Membership; Dorothy Davis - Battle of the Bulge Gallery (Museum); Bob Lemmon - Editor of THE BULGE BUGLE; Gerry Guenter - Publicity; Clyde Boden - Publications; Gene Drouillard - Military Affairs; and Bill Hemphill will retain the Treasurer's job.

Under consideration is the establishment of a VBOB office at a location to be selected. How the new office will be manned, equipped and function have yet to be decided.

SCREAMING MEEMIES

AN ACCOUNT OF THE FABLED AND FEROCIOUS FRONTLINE GERMAN ROCKET OF WORLD WAR II AS RECALLED BY MEMBERS OF THE VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE ***** BY COLONEL CLYDE D. BODEN



To the frontline soldier in North Africa and Europe during World War II, one of the most savage sounds was that of the Screaming Meemie, coming from the German six-barreled rocket launcher, der Nebelwerfer. Some combat troops were point-blank victims of this vicious weapon. Others heard it scream overhead enroute to targets several miles away.

Melvin H. Rappaport of Douglaston, Queens, NY, says, "I was with Combat Command "B" of the 6th Armored Division and we were positioned at the very end of beautiful downtown Bastogne on the road leading to Magaret and Bizory. Those Screaming Meemies, Nebelwerfer Rockets, were always hitting along that sector. I can still hear them; a moaning and screeching sound, like a freight train slamming into something -- a sound and memory not easily forgotten."

From Ogdensburg, NY, James W. Batemen reminisces. "I was a Combat Infantryman, Rifleman 745, with Company B, Combat Command "B," 38th Armored Infantry Battalion of the 7th Armored Division. I was a replacement who joined the 7th AD at the Moselle River a few miles from Metz, France, on September 19, 1944. Five days later, orders arrived which carried the 7th AD

across Luxembourg to Belgium and on to Holland.

"On October 1, 1944, we battled our way to the outskirts of the small town of Overloon, Holland. A task force commanded by Lt. Col. William H. Fuller fought through a wooded area where we were under heavy artillery fire and pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Then came the Nebelwerfers -- Screaming Meemies. We had three tanks hit and blowing smoke rings.

"I'll never forget it. I thought someone had me by my feet and kept picking me up and slamming me down on the ground. I woke up two days later in a makeshift schoolhouse hospital under sedation better known as the Blue 88's. From this experience, I received a concussion and 50% loss of hearing and nerve damage."

German rocket development was already underway in the early 1930's and one of the products was der Nebelwerfer, German for smoke thrower, originally designed to launch smoke shells although the first ones were chemical mortars. After some modifications, it became operational a few years later as a rocket launcher and was used on the Russian Front in 1941.

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"I was at an outpost from November 1 to December 16, 1944, looking into a Siegfried Line bunker. The Screaming Meemies," Frank J. Smollon of Davidsonville, MD, reports, "were real. The Germans fired them mainly at night, probably for psychological effect, that's what we figured. We heard them four to five nights per week -- maybe five rounds spaced about 15 to 30 minutes. The sound they produced was a whining, screeching noise." He was with Company K, 393rd Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division

Levi H. Belflower of Coral Gables, FL, was a machine gun Platoon Leader in Company H of the 318th Infantry Regiment of the 80th Infantry Division, who later received a battlefield commission. He has many memories of the Screaming Meemies and still believes they were more of a psychological weapon and in that respect were 100% effective. He says, "In late December 1944 as we were counter-attacking the lower edge of the Bulge near Ettlebruck, Luxembourg, we stopped late at night along the edge of heavy woods about 200 yards from a small town occupied by the Germans. We could hear them and their horses making a lot of noise and we later learned they were preparing to pull out. But, as a parting shot, they lowered their Nebelwerfers and emptied them into the trees above us, a terrible barrage, but we suffered no casualties.

"On February 7, 1945, our Battalion had the job of securing a bridgehead over the Sauer River into the Siegfried Line and Germany; the river was ten feet over flood stage with steep banks and woods on each side. The Germans knew where we were and what we were doing and for 24 hours they plastered the crossing with Screaming Meemies as we tried to get reinforcements across. Not an easy task crossing in boats on a flooded river, but we made it and captured our objectives."

The simply-arranged and electrically-fired six-tube launcher was mounted on a light trailer, the total weight of the unit being about 1,200 lbs, and was towed by a three-ton truck. As many as six launchers could be mounted on a larger vehicle.

Victor C. Rauch of Loudonville, NY, recalls, "I was a member of the 592nd Field Artillery Battalion (106th Infantry Division) during the Bulge. Our Battalion was detached from the 106th and assigned or attached to the XVII Airborne Corps on or about the 21st of December 1944.

"Sometime between the 21st and 31st I was walking around the gun (155mm Howitzer) with the Gun Sergeant when we both heard this high-pitch whining or whistling sound that you would swear was coming right in on top of us...The Sergeant dropped in back of the gun and I jumped into (of all places) the

ammunition pit. It was only one solitary round. The Sergeant couldn't stop laughing when he saw my head rising slowly out of the ammunition pit. I thought at first that it was a mortar, but the sound was weird to say the least. I have reviewed the after-action report for the Battalion and there is some evidence that we did fire on a Nebelwerfer Battery during the 31st of December."

The Battalion report contained the following entry: "...On December 31st the Battalion fired thirty-five missions which included three registrations and three counter battery missions. The bulk of the other missions were on troop assembly areas. One mission on a German nebelwerfer battery was observed by air to be 'range and deflection correct.' On the stroke of 2400 the Battalion participated in three time-on-target missions with the remainder of the artillery of the Corps in a New Year's greeting to the enemy."

As a member of Company I of the 507th Parachute Infantry Battalion, during the Battle of the Bulge, Everett L. Cook of Lima, OH, remembers the Screaming Meemies well. "In January 1945 on the rear slope of Dead Man's Ridge I had set up my machine gun at a road block. When several barrages of Screaming Meemies came in they hit in the bank in front of my position. When it was all over I was buried up to my knees in my foxhole with dirt."

The original and best known of the Screaming Meemies was the 150mm. solid fuel rocket, die Wurfgranate (mortar shell) 41, which carried 5.5 pounds of high explosives in the rear -- the propulsion motor was in the nose. It fired at a rate of six rounds every 90 seconds.

A later version, a 210mm. rocket, die Wurfgranate 42, carried 22.4 pounds of high explosives and was spin-stabilized. In flight the motor vented to allow gas to escape through a number of venturi (a short tube with flaring ends inserted in a pipeline -- there were 26 ringed around the midsection of the weapon) to impart the spin as was done in the 41. Still later, a 320mm. rocket was developed.

Sometime in January 1945, Alexander Mourges of Astoria, NY, recalls his experience with the Screaming Meemies.

"As a machine gunner in the 3rd Platoon, Company A, 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, I found myself in the town of Furwhiler, Germany. We were there to support the 357th Infantry Regiment of the 90th Infantry Division. They were to break out of the town in the morning at 5 a.m. to take the high ground just down the road. The TD's were to give direct fire support.

"The morning came. We advanced our TD's down the streets of the town, the Infantry (Cont'd on Pg. 8)

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ahead of us. All of a sudden we heard the eerie-howling screaming sounds that sent absolute fear in almost everyone of us. The noise was terrifying. Then, explosions, shattering explosions everywhere. The TD's stopped and started to back up. The Infantry took cover. One of the four TD's named 'Stinky' backed up on 40 German Regal mines that had been collected by the Engineers and placed on the sidewalk earlier in the day. There was a deafening roar, the TD flipped over, all 32 tons of it. Eight of my buddies were instantly killed. The TD had evidently set off the mines by backing up on them. More Nebelwerfers came in! One exploded yards from me and knocked me to the ground. The rumors were that Nebelwerfers were only concussion, but the M-20 I was standing near at the time was peppered with shrapnel holes. There was confusion everywhere. 'Medic! Medic!' was heard everywhere! Needless to say the attack was stalled for a while. I shall always remember the Nebelwerfers, but more so my buddies that died that day."

The Secretary of the 134th Infantry WWII Association, James G. Graff of Middletown, IL, recalls some incidents about the Screaming Meemies.

"I had joined Company C, 134th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, on January 8, 1945, near Luttrebois, Belgium. On January 25, Company C, with some attached tanks from the 6th Armored Division, attacked Neiswampach, Luxembourg, and the attached tanks took off when they encountered German armor and our company suffered heavy casualties from heavy small arms fire and tank fire. We were driven back into the woods and at nightfall began to bring in our wounded. We were dug in when we heard these missiles winding up and they began to come in on us. It was my first experience with them and with all the problems we had had this day it scared the hell out of me.

"You could hear the damn things when they left the launcher and they screamed all the way in and then they exploded with a hell of an explosion. Mostly concussion with little fragmentation. They did cause several casualties. As we were told to get ready to fall back into a town in the rear the arrival of the Screaming Meemies only hastened our departure.

"You know we attacked again the next morning and the krauts were gone. We had pushed them too hard and they pulled back when ready.

"Another incident with the Screaming Meemies was on March 3, 1945, when Company C linked up with the British at Geldren, Holland. We had attacked up the road from Venlo, Holland, and as we approached the town the bridge was blown and the lead tank was knocked out with a panzerfaust. We were able to secure some nearby buildings and capture some prisoners at the cost of several wounded, but no KIA.

"During this whole time we were subjected to a barrage of rockets, mortars, and lots of small arms. Our 1st Battalion Commanding Officer, Col. Craig, was wounded here when a Screaming Meemie hit the command vehicle right outside the big house we were in. He had to be evacuated.

"The rockets were more scary than effective, but I guess that the results were the same."

Characteristics of the 150mm. rocket launcher, der Nebelwerfer 41: Caliber - 150mm. (5.9 inches); length of barrels - 51 inches; Weight - 1,195 pounds; Traverse - 30 degrees; Elevation - 44 degrees; Maximum range (HE) - 7,330 yards; Maximum range (Smoke) - 7,550 yards; Weight of Rocket (HE) - 75.3 pounds; Weight of Rocket (Smoke) - 78 pounds; and Velocity - 1,120 feet per second.

Wayne Kiser, Hagerstown, MD, served in Company H, 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th (Yankee) Division from February 1944 to January 1946. His last rank was Staff Sergeant and acting Platoon Sergeant.

"As just a little background," he says, "our heavy weapons platoon (30 cal. water-cooled machine guns) would generally support a rifle company. In mid-December of 1944, we were in an area near Metz, waiting out the surrender of the last German troops at Fort Jeanne d'Arc. By this time the front was some distance to the east. From this area we were trucked, walked, stomped and herded to Luxembourg when the breakthrough occurred.

"These are my recollections and maybe the dates are a little off. Anyway, a few days after Christmas, we heard our first meemies, the impact area being perhaps a quarter mile away. Our first impression was that the terrifying noise of incoming shells was like 50 locomotives that were airborne and coming our way. We were told that the Heinies had plenty more where they came from. This, of course, had a negative result on our attitude.

"Somewhere between December 31st and January 3rd, 1945, our platoon was supporting a rifle company and had moved forward to the town of Nothum and/or Mon Shumann farm area. There was a crossroads and with at least one or two buildings. Probably eight or ten of us went into the house for a little warm-up. After only a few minutes, the unmistakable sound of Nebelwerfers filled the air. This was also accompanied by conventional artillery shelling of the houses and crossroads. It literally blew hell out of the house and I crawled out of the house. I remember the moaning of some of my buddies. My two best friends, Mike Kratzer (Squad Sergeant) and Aid Man Bill Pan-kuch were killed in the house.

"Outside at the crossroads the effect of the Screaming Meemies was awful. Three more of our platoon were dead due to almost direct hits from the Meemies, which were a concussion (Cont'd. on Pg. 9)

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shell, as I recall.

"There were other times during the next week or so that we encountered some meemie firings, but nothing like at the crossroads.

"Later in March, when we were nearing the Rhine, the latrine rumor was that 'If you think those meemies were something in the Bulge, wait till you see and hear them when you try and cross the river.' I do not recall ever seeing them again, or hearing for that matter.

"Anyway, back to the Bulge and a sensitive nerve after all these years. Of all the weapons encountered in my 270 days of combat, nothing had the terrifying effect on my mind and body as did the Screaming Meemies. It just goes to prove the intensity of a relatively short period of our lives would be so vivid in our memories."

During the Battle of the Bulge, Lee McCardell, a Baltimore Sun war correspondent followed the Yankee Division and, particularly, any Maryland natives serving in the area.

Paul Stevenson of Alexandria, VA, was a Platoon Leader in the 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached to the 38th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division. He reports that for those living in or visiting the Washington, DC, area, there are Nebelwerfers at Aberdeen Proving Ground's outdoor museum and also in Old Town, Alexandria.

Dorothy Davis, Rockville, MD, 57th Field Hospital, the Recording Secretary of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge and the Chairman of the Battle of the Bulge Gallery Committee, encourages veterans and their relatives and friends to visit the museum at Fort Meade, MD, the site of a Nebelwerfer.

CLYDE D. BODEN, a retired Army Colonel and a graduate of the Army War College, commanded an antiaircraft artillery platoon of the 84th Infantry Division during World War II. He is a past president of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

THE BULGE BUGLE Editor, R. L. (Bob) Lemmon, retires June 30th after over 35 years' active service with the U.S. Army and the Veterans Administration. He looks forward to devoting more time now to make **THE BULGE BUGLE** better yet. Members are asked to send their input directly to Bob at 1247 Sycamore Drive, Jenison, MI 49428. Dues should continue to go to our National Headquarters.

Reunion~~~

5th Med. Bn, 5th Inf. Div, 41st annual reunion, 4-7 Sep 87, Fairborn, OH. Contact Fred Moore, 200 Lynnhaven Dr, Dayton, OH 45431.

825th TD Bn, 21-24 Oct 87, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Louis Cellentand, 400 Blatchey Ave, New Haven, CT 06513.

626th TD Bn. Assn, 11 Sep 1987, NCO Club at Hanscom AF Base, Bedford, ME. Contact Fred O. White, 18 Spring Park Ave, Jamaica Plain, ME 02130.

214th MP Co. (Amphib), 20-22 Aug 87, Dunes Motel, Aurora, CO. Contact Leonard Abramowitz, Dunes Motel, 13000 Colfax, Aurora, CO 80011.

19th FA, Fifth Div, 11-13 Sep 87, Dodgeville, WI. Contact George Lazar, 435 Hubbell St, Marshall, WI 53559.

Sixth Armd Div. Assn, 40th Reunion, 8-13 Sep 87, San Francisco, CA Hilton & Tower. Contact Ed Reed, PO Box 5011, Louisville, KY 40205.

201st Inf/FA Assn, 9-11 Oct 87, Ramada Inn, Morgantown, WV. Contact Ted J. Straub, PO Box 201, Morgantown, WV 26507.

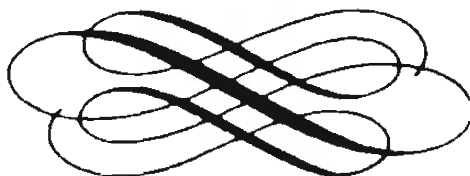
87th Div. Assn, 23-27 Sep 87, Albany, NY. Contact Charles Daley, 24 Spalding Lane, Saugerties, NY 12477.

5th Med Bn, 5th Inf. Div, location unknown. Contact Wayne Locke, 3568 Highway 116, Omro, WI 54943.

Btry. A, 216th FA of the 35th Inf. Div, 17-19 Jul 1987, Holiday Inn, Newnan, GA. Contact Jack Millican, Rt. 1, Box 18, Umatilla, FL 32784.

110th Inf. Assn. (WWII), 28th Div, 10-13 Sep 87, Holiday Inn, Meadowlands, Washington, PA. Contact John Charnitsky, 18 Country Club Dr., Uniontown, PA 15401.

11th Armd Div. Assn, 12-16 Aug 87, Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Contact Edward Rudine, 7515 W. 98th St, Overland Park, KS 66212.



"SEPTEMBER IN SYRACUSE"

VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

QUALITY INN NORTH • SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19, 1987



PROGRAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Registration--1:00pm to 7:00pm
 - Welcome to Syracuse Activities
 - Barcroft Books--Book Fair (old books and new books about the Bulge)
 - Renew friendships over a cup of coffee in the lobby
 - Take a stroll in Syracuse
 - Welcome Mixer--6:30pm to 8:30pm
 - Cash Bar and finger foods
 - Accordion player with "Favorites of the Forties"
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- Reservations available at nearby restaurants for a late evening dinner after the "Mixer"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- Registration--8:30am to 5pm
- Memorial Ceremony 10:00am to 11:00am
"In Solemn Remembrance"
with color guard,
band and bugler
- Lunch on your own 11:00am to 1:pm
- Business Meeting 1:00pm to 5:00pm
- Activities for the Ladies 1:00pm to 5:00pm
- Special Evening Event starting at 7:00pm
"Join in the Fun Octoberfest"
Sauerbraten, Knockwurst and Strudel
and barrels of beer
- Entertainment to start your toes
a tapping and a band for your favorite
dances including polkas.

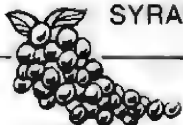
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Registration--8:00am to 9:00am
- TOUR DAY--a choice of two very special trips into the beautiful countryside and lake regions.
- BOLDT CASTLE--Bus trip to Alexandria Bay, NY, then a scenic boat cruise to the Rhine River Boldt Castle with lunch in the area.
- WINERY TOUR--Visit to the Taylor-Great Western-Gold Seal Winery, scenic bus tour through the Watkins Glen, NY area with a stop at the Wickham Vineyards and the Wagner Winery
- Both tours will depart at 9:00am from the motel and return by 5:00pm
- Cocktail Hour--7:00pm to 8:00pm
- Banquet Gala--8:00pm
 - Top Sirloin of Beef and Burgundy Sauce
 - Program and Presentations
 - Music for your listening pleasure and dancing
 - *For that last cup of coffee and fond "farewell" before you start back on your trip home, the dining room opens for Sunday Morning Breakfast at 6:30am*

"SEPTEMBER IN



SYRACUSE"



VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE 6th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

QUALITY INN NORTH - INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE 81 and 90
SYRACUSE, NY 13212 - SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19, 1987

REGISTRATION FORM Please print all information

As soon as possible - but no later than September 3, 1987
Mail your completed registration form and check payable to:

VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE
G.M.M. '87 P.O. BOX 11129, ARLINGTON, VA 22210-2129

Name	_____
Outfit	_____
Address	_____
City	_____
State	_____ Zip _____
Wife's Name	_____
Guest(s) Name(s)	_____

	No. of reserv- ations	Cost per person	Total
Registration (per person before 9/3/87)	_____	\$20.00	_____
Registration (per person after 9/3/87)	_____	\$25.00	_____
Fri. 9/18/87 Octoberfest (Buffet and Entertainment)	_____	\$18.50	_____
Sat. 9/19/87 Tours Winery Tour	_____	\$20.00	_____
Tour to Boldt Castle (includes cruise)	_____	\$25.00	_____
Sat. 9/19/87 Banquet	_____	\$22.50	_____
Check enclosed for grand total			_____

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VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

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City and State _____ Zip _____		
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Sept. 3/87

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The Weiler School

The following letter is published for our readers' enjoyment following the gift of 12 atlases which VBOB sent to Marcel Scheidweiler, the teacher at the tiny (11 students) school we visited in Weiler, Luxembourg last year (see Page 14 of our April 1987 edition).

"Dear Veterans,

"We thank you for the marvellous atlases of the USA, Canada and Mexico you sent us. They are a precious present which we appreciate very much.

"You, the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, did so much for our country more than 40 years ago so that we can live in liberty and democracy now. We thank each member of your organisation, every American soldier, dead or alive, for having done his part in this hard job as to fight for other people's freedom.

"We believe our parents and grand-parents who told us about the generosity of the American soldiers who stayed in our country in 1944 and 1945. We see that they told us the truth. Indeed still today you cover us with valuable gifts that we'll treasure our whole lives.

"Once more we thank you very heartily for the atlases.

"We assure you that we'll do our best to welcome every American veteran and American inhabitant who comes to our little town of Weiler.

"Sincerely yours,

Yves Hettmann

Michèle Sammers

Isabelle Mandt

Carole Hüb

Monique Dumuth

Caroline Bernz

Sharon Mähe

Steffie Straatman

Hinette Jenes Dand

Anneli Straatman

Ursiane Wintinger

Haral Scheidweiler

Our last edition, in its "Members Speak Out" column,

stated that Beatrice Weigle Stroble claims the honor of being the first nurse to land during the invasion of Normandy. This was an editorial boo-boo inasmuch as our surprised and most embarrassed nurse, upon reading our last edition, advised me that she was not the first nurse to land. She originally wrote that the first nurses to land in the Normandy invasion were from the 51st Field Hospital-ETO. My apologies are extended to this member of one of the most valorous services of WWII - the ARMY NURSE CORPS. (Sorry, Bea).

George Chekan, VBOB's President, asked for a write-up on my van's license plate. Here it is in all its splendor.

Insofar as I am aware, I may be only the second VBOB member to own a dandy license plate like this.



The other member's name I cannot recall nor can I find it in a review of previous editions of THE BULGE BUGLE. If he's still out there somewhere, please write and we'll set the record straight in our next edition.

Mr. Jos. Faber, 5-Q Rue de la Fontaine, Esch/Alzette, Luxembourg wants to hear from, or family members of, members of the 598th Ambulance Co., APO 403: S/Sgt Jenkins Warren, Covington, VA; Arthur K. Poland, Detroit, MI; Lt. Webster, Greenwood, (?); and John Wilson. These GI's operated out of a hospital in Esch/Alzette from Oct. 44 to Jan 45 and probably were First U.S. Army troops. Anyone with information on the present whereabouts of these men is asked to write to Mr. Faber.

We have received word that VBOB member, Chester Cymbor, Baltimore, died on June 2nd. He was a member of the 84th Inf. Div., 557th AAA AW Bn.

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Members Speak Out

Lee E. Bauman, Co. B, 502d Prch. Inf, 101st Abn, writes that he served in the US Navy, US Army and US Air Force before becoming 18. He jumped into Germany in Operation Varsity, joined the Navy at 15 and the Air Corps in 1943, went to Italy in 1944 as an aircraft mechanic, to paratroop jump school, Rome, Italy, in Aug. 1944 and on to the Bulge with the 101st. He was reassigned to the 17th Abn. with frozen toes and returned to the Bulge, jumped into Germany, was captured and then returned home. He would like to hear from anyone from the jump school in Rome. Write Lee at 1065 S. Volusia Ave, A-17, Orange City, FL 32763.

Anthony L. Marani, Co. A, 328th Inf. Regt, 26th Inf. Div, Third US Army, is recuperating from a six by-pass cardiac operation and wants to hear from his old WWII buddies. Write him at 5701 Winthrop Ave, Baltimore, MD 21206.

Louis G. Grivetti, Co. K, 423d Inf, 106th Inf. Div, was captured 19 Dec 44 and incarcerated in Stalag 4-B, then to Slaughter House 5, Dresden, then a British Camp there, then the Czech border. He then reenlisted, training recruits at Ft. Knox and Ft. Lee, then Ft. Eustis, Ft. Sill, Ft. Custer, Japan, Germany (again) and Korea. A Scoutmaster for 15 years with Wood Badge training and the Silver Beaver Award and active in Civil War Living History. (Wow! Do you tap dance, Louis? ...Ed.)

Arnold L. Ballard, H&S Co, 312th Engr. Combat Bn, 87th Inf. Div. writes that he, from LeHavre, France stopped at Metz, and then on to Strasbourg and Bertrix, Belgium. When WWII ended, he was in Pizon, Czechoslovakia. He states "Just to have gotten to be a soldier still thrills me. It's something that really makes me proud." He wishes to hear from his comrades in the 87th, 1st, 28th, 2d and 95th Divisions. Write him at 408 Cushine Ave, Dayton, OH 45429.

Ira M. Stanley, Co. I, 66th Armd. Regt, 2d Armd. Div. was in First Army's VII Corps, fought in his unit's most crucial battle on 26 Dec 44 at Haverreene, Belgium. (Cont'd. in column 2, above)

Later, his unit linked up with a patrol of Patton's Third Army near Houffalize. At that time Ira's division was teamed up with 84th Inf. Div. He was able to enjoy Christmas Dinner on 31 Dec 44 - though a bit late.

Doyle E. Slayden, Sr., was referred to in our previous edition, as "Stayden." Those who knew Doyle are requested to contact him at Route 1, Box S-14, Dearborn, MO 64439. His twin brother, Don, was with him until a few days before Doyle was captured.

John P. Chenot, Jr., Hq. Co, 121st Inf, 84th Inf. Div, writes that in August 1944, his new brother-in-law of three months took his place on the .30 cal. metal cart. Less than 30 seconds later, John was hit by shrapnel from a mine which killed his brother-in-law, his buddy and wounded four men. He and his brother-in-law, Robert Loffi, had married their wives in May 1944 in North Ireland. John wants to hear from Walt Frazier, "Swede" Baker and Bob Brasswell. Contact John at 372 Washington Ave, Oakmont, PA 15139.

Sanford R. Roy, Co. I, 358th Inf, 90th Inf. Div, left the Ardennes between Bastogne and St. Hubert with ruptured ear drums and frozen feet. Reentered the military (USAF) in 1951 and toured in Germany ten years later and visited the Ardennes - the absence of snow and tranquillity were unreal. He began shivering as the memories of extreme cold and horrors of war returned. During the Vietnam war, he spent a year in Thailand.

Eldon J. Mays, Co. E, 331st Regt, 83d Inf. Div. spent 10 months in an Army hospital due to combat wounds in The Bulge, then graduated from Michigan State and retired seven years ago as a salesman (34 years) of industrial equipment.

George E. Sector, Co. B, 291st Regt, 75th Inf. Div, was committed in Belgium on 18 Dec. and relieved the 106th Div. He wonders why THE BULGE BUGLE mentions the 75th Inf. so infrequently. He'd like to hear from old buddies, especially Jordan, Hussar and Eicas. Write 2244 Coles Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Members Speak Out

Earl S. Eaves, XO of the 2d Bn, 101st Inf, 26th Div, says that Bill Moore, K Co, wants some questions answered, but Bill failed to give his address. (Earl, please send your questions to me and I shall forward them on to Bill. ...Ed.)

John P. Chenot, Hq. Co, 1st Bn, 8th Inf. Div, whose son served with the same division 33 years later, tells of being saved by Bob Loffi who pulled the lead cart and John went back to help Bob Baker on the second cart. Thirty seconds later the lead cart hit a German land mine. John was hit by the explosion that killed Bob.

John L. Stitzer, Co. B, 159th Engr. Combat Bn, wants to hear from others in his unit. Write him at 302 E. Biddle St., Gordon, PA 17936.

John W. Collins, 801st TD Bn, 99th Inf. Div, says he fought with three armies during WWII and is retired from a tube mill.

Paul W. Buchanan, Co. I, 328th Inf. Regt, 26th Div, was wounded 3 Jan 45 by German artillery shrapnel and spent two years in military hospitals. He has the VBOB plaque above his desk as a cherished memento of the VBOB. He was a newspaper editor for 25 years and writes a column three times a week for his newspaper.

Clyde H. Hemsath, Co. F, 333d Inf, 84th Div, after WWII went to college, was a dairy farmer and a District Executive for Boy Scouts of America. (As a Wood Badger, I relate, Clyde. ...Ed.)

George W. LaVigne, Co. C, 2d Inf, 5th Inf. Div, tells us that eight months after discharge in 1945 he left a loan corporation and moved to Michigan National Bank as a loan officer, retired after 27 years and went into the real estate business.

Charles L. Strickland, Co. C, 630th TD Bn, attached to the 112th Regt, 28th Div, writes that he was captured 23 Dec 44 near Beho, Belgium and liberated by the British 2d Army 16 April 45 at Stalag XI-B at Fallen-bastel, Germany. He retired from the US Postal Service in 1982.

Joseph Guigno, Co. A, 423d Regt, 106th Inf. Div. ended up in Stalag 9-B at Bad Ord, then on to Berga. He and 50 other ex-POWs see one another at a group meeting at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Boston each Thursday. Despite open heart surgery on two occasions, "I feel pretty good!"

Ivan S. Irwin, Co. A, 131st Ord. Maint. Bn, 9th Armd. Div, tells us he has worked for his WWII section chief's company for 30+ years before retiring in 1976.

Matthew P. Femino, 54th AIB, 10th Armd. Div, has requested a Life Membership in VBOB. He had been unaware they are available.

Frederick J. Webb, Btry. C, 108th FA Bn, 28th Inf. Div, became a POW 21 Dec 44 and was released in April 1945. He reenlisted and returned to Germany in 1947. He then served in the USAF in 1950, served in England, Spain, North Africa and stateside until he retired in 1971.

Frank R. Butler, Co. F, 41st Cav. Recon. Sq, 11th Armd. Div, Third US Army, writes to say he was inducted in 1942, went thru maneuvers in Louisiana and California, embarked in England and was wounded at Houffalize, Belgium in Jan. 1945. He has his own dental lab business and is about to retire.

Harry D. Vogel, Jr., Btry. A, 776th FA Bn, worked in a pharmacy from 1946 until 1986 when he purchased the business, sold it and retired.

Ted Parker, Co. B, 109th Regt, 28th Inf. Div, writes to say he retired seven years ago from the US Post Office in Indiana.

INCREASE IN LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES

Life membership dues will be increased to the following rates: \$125 through age 49; \$90 for those age 50 through 69; and \$70 for those age 70 and above. Application for Life Membership shall be accompanied by a payment of not less than \$20. Partial payments may be made in increments of not less than \$10 with final payment to be received prior to the end of the individual's membership year. Current year Annual dues paid prior to Life application, will be credited to the Life membership.



Members Speak Out

Meade Edwards, Co. D, 932d Signal Bn, was a truck driver who hauled radio communications equipment and supplies and set up stations all across France and Germany. When Patton's Third U.S. Army ran out of gasoline during the Ardennes Campaign, Meade drove back to the Normandy area gas dumps several times to haul fuel for the tanks.

Ken R. Hampton, 825th TD Bn, writes to say his unit will assemble again at Myrtle Beach, SC this year. Ken is retired and moved to Florida from Massachusetts.

Bob Scanlon, Co. A, 372d Engr. G.S. Regt. would like to hear from comrades of his brother, John T. Scanlon, who died in Flamierge Jan. 17, 1945. John was in Service Co, 513th Parachute Inf. Regt, 17th Abn. Div. Anyone who served with John may write to Bob at 14807 Trumbull, Midlothian, IL 60445.

Harold R. Browning, Co. C, 2d Armd. Tank Bn, 9th Armd. Div. writes of having been at Bastogne with the 101st Abn. dug in around his unit's tanks. He was in Bastogne when the red, white and green parachutes came down on Christmas Day. Harold has been a rural letter carrier for the past 37 years.

Wm. E. Mock, Co. B, 825th TD Bn. reports that at a reunion of his unit last year he met some of the men of his platoon whom he had not seen since 1945. He enjoins the VBOB staff to "keep up our work and bless all of you."

J. J. Murray, Btry. B, 863d AAA AW Bn. during the winding-down of the Ardennes Campaign served as a rifleman. He reenlisted after WWII in mostly Infantry assignments including such in Vietnam. He'd like to hear from other members of his Ardennes era assignment. Write him at 4205 Thayer Drive, Phoenix City, AL 36867.

Robert F. Kirk, Co. H & Svc. Co, 109th Inf, 28th Inf. Div, worked after WWII for 33 years with the NY State Dept. of Taxation and Finance. Bob is anxious to hear from any old buddies. Write him at 2172 Connell Terrace, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

Gordon W. Yates, Co. H, 506th Parachute Inf, 101st Abn. Div, writes to Kilroy that he's been with the Fire Dept. and State Juvenile Corrections Institute, was a bar owner, restaurant owner, produce warehouse foreman and, before retirement last August, a retail produce manager...all despite a head injury (40% disabled) at Bastogne. He started a 101st chapter in his state, is a VFW and MPOPH Life Member in addition to other activities in his state.

Carmi Lockhart, 331st Inf, 83d Inf. Div, a squad leader who received the Bronze Star in crossing the Elbe River, has kept busy working six years in a hospital, over 12 years as Chief of Police of his city and for the past 19 years as a scrap metal buyer. He'd like to hear from old buddies of his unit. Call him at (606) 854-6005.

Curtis H. Easter, Co. M, 104th Inf, 26th Inf. Div, recalls vividly the cold, the snow, the confusion, the deaths of buddies and wondered at the time whether he'd ever see home and his loved ones again. For the past 40 years he has grown apples. He fears that veterans' problems will increase due to leaders of our government who never wore the uniform of the United States and who are trying to forget us.

Joseph Tanaszi, 319th Inf, 80th Inf. Div, realized a dream last year when he returned to visit Luxembourg. He spent two months back-packing and staying at youth hostels and with friends in England and relatives in Hungary. He met one of the officials of the Diekirch Historical Museum. Despite a heart condition, arthritis and other pains, he enjoyed his trip.

Oops...We Made a Mistake

Inadvertantly we listed Syracuse, New York, as the first chapter organized in VBOB. We apologize to the Wisconsin Chapter, which was the first chapter organized under the able leadership of William P. Schneider from the 83rd Division.

The second chapter was Syracuse, followed by the Maryland-DC and Delaware Valley Chapters.

Members Speak Out

Vincent J. Tuminello, 3892d QM Truck Co. attached to 16th Infantry, 1st Div. was in the initial assault of Omaha Beach (Easy Red). Since WWII he's worked in construction and retired last July.

David Grimes, 77th Evac. Hosp. wonders whether there are any other unit members around. Write Dave at Rt. 3, Box 72, Wilson, NC 27893.

Manuel C. Gesulga, 502d Parachute Inf, 101st Abn. Div, writes that he's been with the Federal Government since WWII and retired two years ago from the Naval Air Station in Alameda, CA after nearly 42 years' service.

Donat Hamel, Co. L, 347th Regt, 87th Div, Third US Army, was wounded in action in March 1945. He is still working and is a life member of over six veterans' organizations.

Alvin I. Fehlman, Co. G, 423d Regt, 106th Inf. Div. was captured near St. Vith and survived POW camps in Limberg, Muhlburg and Leipzig and suffered frost-bitten feet. He'd like to hear from old buddies. Write Al at 128 Oak, Wauconda, IL 60084.

Arthur W. Hamalainen, 134th Inf, 35th Div, was an IRTC member sent overseas to the Ardennes Campaign whose unit officers were all Sergeants. He says, "How we ever won, I don't know."

Howard K. Thomsen, Co. B, 707th Tank Bn, has been a grain farmer since WWII, raising hogs and feeding cattle. He retired in 1980. Since 1978 he has travelled all over the world.

Walter J. Stanzas, Co. G, 110th Inf, was assigned after release from the hospital 15 Dec 44. His first two days with his new unit found him fighting forward of enemy lines, behind them and surrounded by enemy forces. He gained safe ground with the 101st Airborne.

Gregory A. Covert, the son of George Cyril Covert, known as Jack, who was a cook in the 9th Armd. Div, asks anyone who knew his Dad to write him at P.O. Box 288, Locust Grove, OK 74352. (Let's give this one a try, Guys. ...Ed.)

Oliver E. Curley, 79th Chem. Smoke Generator Co, pulled MP duty in Belgium during the Ardennes Campaign guarding prisoners from Private up to Captain near Liege. His feet were frozen while on guard duty. Landing on D-Day his unit, which was with First US Army, layed smoke on the Remagen Bridge. His unit also pulled Red Ball Express duty for Third US Army. Oliver would like to hear from buddies from back then. Write him at 107 Throckmorton St., Freehold, NJ 07728.

Elmer Lindsey, Co. A, 27th Armd. Inf. Bn, 9th Armd. Div, attends a company reunion with 15-20 buddies annually. They have been trying to find their Squad Sgt. since WWII. In his 1985 reunion, he was able to write to the Postmaster of that city. Thanks to a Forest Ranger who gave his letter to the son of his Squad Sgt, he received a long-awaited reply. Following was a reunion last year in Kansas. Five members of the squad were present. Elmer says, "If anyone would have told me 41 years ago that I would be glad to see my former Sergeant, I would have thought they were nuts."

Carl L. Dahloos, Co. G, 329th Inf, 83rd. Inf. Div. enjoyed VBOB's last General Membership Meeting and shows Battle of the Bulge films in his local VFW post where they are relived with some great and hard memories.

Max N. Tucker, 317th Med. Det, 80th Inf. Div, and also with Third US Army worked after WWII as a school custodian and retired in 1982. He had been recalled from National Guard status to serve during the Berlin Crisis.

Morris Pettit, Co. B, 110th Inf, 28th Div, was taken prisoner 19 Dec 44 near Clervaux, Luxembourg and spent time in Stalags 9C and 7A. He wishes to hear from any unit members. Write him at Rt. 5, Box 39, Ellijay, GA 30540.

Raymond J. Pecore was with G-3, VIII Corps, from Texas through England, Omaha Beach, Brest, Bastogne and ended his tour meeting Russian troops at the Elbe River.

VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

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 (Above for office use only)

Please ship the following items to:

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GROUP A	ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
A 2	Plaque 5"X 7" *	\$18.00	X _____ =	_____
A 3	Plaque 5" Diameter	11.00	X _____ =	_____
A 4	2 Pen VBOB Desk Set	21.00	X _____ =	_____

* Please engrave Brass Plate of A2 Plaque with:

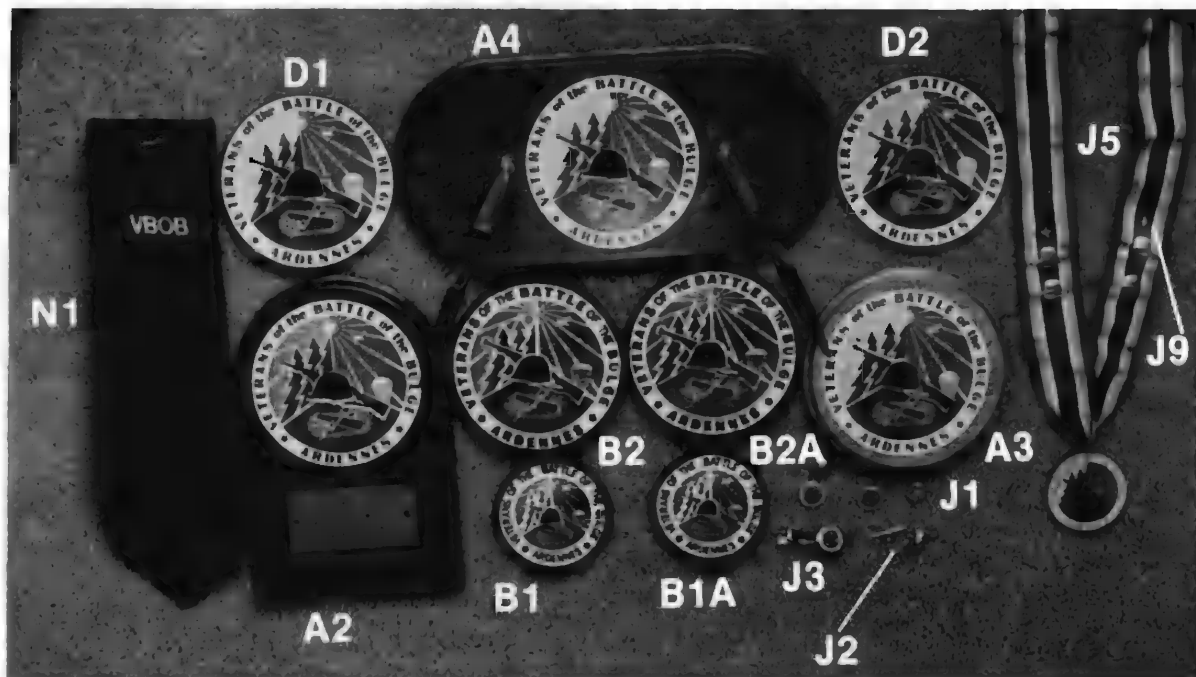
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B 1	Patch 2 3/4" Diameter	\$ 2.50	X _____ =	_____
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B 2	Patch 4 3/4" Diameter	6.00	X _____ =	_____
B 2A	Patch (W/pins & clutchs)	8.00	X _____ =	_____
D 1	Decal 4" VBOB Decal	3/1.00	X _____ =	_____
D 2	Logo 4" Windshield Logo	.50	X _____ =	_____
J 1	VBOB Lapel Pin (W/clutch)	7.00	X _____ =	_____
J 2	VBOB Tie Tac (W/chain&bar)	7.00	X _____ =	_____
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J 5	VBOB Medallion (W/ribbon)	32.00	X _____ =	_____
J 9	Life Mbr Stars (SEE NOTE)	2/1.00	X _____ =	_____
N 1	VBOB Neck Tie (Brown)	10.00	X _____ =	_____
(SOLD OUT) V 1	Video Cassette (Beta) NOTE	20.00	X _____ =	_____
V 1A	Video Cassette (VHS) NOTE	20.00	X _____ =	_____

TOTAL PURCHASES: \$ _____

NOTE: Stars are to be worn on Medallion by LIFE MEMBERS ONLY.
 V1 & V1A are approx 40 minutes of 16 Dec 86 Ceremony.
 Above prices include postage & engraving.



THE VBOB MEDALLION

The Executive Council of VBOB has made the VBOB MEDALLION, W/Ribbon, available to the membership.

The MEDALLION, a 2 1/2 inch replica of our VBOB insignia, is finished in five colors baked enamel on a gold colored base. It is suspended on a 1 1/2 inch neck ribbon. The 5/8 inch center of the ribbon is green to represent the pine trees we remember. It is flanked on both sides by the colors of the flags of Belgium and Luxembourg.

All VBOB members wear the Medallion suspended from the neck by the ribbon. Life members are designated by a silver star affixed in the center of each leg of the ribbon approximately 3 inches above the Medallion (or helmets in the case of officers).

Chapter officers wear a letter "C" above the 5/8 inch silver helmets which designate the office held: 3 helmets each side designate a Chapter President; 2 helmets, a Chapter Vice president; 1 helmet a member of a Chapter staff.

National officers wear a letter "N" above the 5/8 inch silver helmets. The National President wears 4 helmets on each side; National Vice Presidents wear 3 helmets; National Staff officers wear 2 helmets and Appointed officers wear 1 helmet.

Former officers wear gold (vice silver) helmets.

Chapters may order helmets for their chapter officers. Cost is \$1.00 per helmet. Please designate the names and office of the chapter officers in your letter order.

Individuals should use the VBOB ORDER Blank on the reverse of this sheet to assure correct pricing of their order.

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BELT BUCKLES AND BOLA TIES

The VBOB Executive Council has approved the addition of two items for sale by VBOB. The VBOB Belt Buckle and the VBOB Bola Tie have been ordered and will be first be available for sale at the time of the General Membership Meeting at Syracuse, NY, September 17, 18 and 19, 1987.

Come to Syracuse and meet Wright Robinson our new VBOB Sales Manager.

Social Gathering Bids Farewell And Recognition

A lively VBOB social gathering was held on June 23, at the Fort Myer, VA Officers' Club, honoring the Rev. George Hall, Jr. and his wife Audie; James and Marion Leach and Eva Popovich.

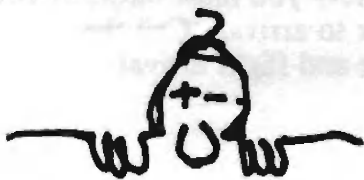
VBOB Chaplain George and Audie Hall will be departing soon for Rhode Island and Jimmie and Marion Leach's new home is: 6 Sussex Court, Pleasant Point Plantation, Lady's Island, Beaufort, SC 29902. Eva Popovich, "Poppy" will remain in the area after providing several years of vital consultive service to the VBOB office.

Brief speeches and good fellowship highlighted the dinner event. Memories of the Battle of the Bulge and friendships subsequently established were main topics of conversation.

Special recognition was also paid to military authors Marion Leach, Harold "Bud" Leinbaugh and Charles MacDonald. Also to Darryl Kuhn, president of the 75th Infantry Division Association and to Pauline Reiher, a WWII WAAC and editor of *Senior Scribes*.

President George Chekan served as master of ceremonies. Hosts for the event were Clyde Boden, past president; Dorothy Davis, recording secretary, and William Greenville, executive vice-president.

Submitted by Clyde Boden



Kilroy says...

**Pack up your
bags (A&B)
and head for
Syracuse where
it will be
Octoberfest
in September**

AFTER 42 YEARS

After 42 years, five men of the 26th Division, 328th Regt., Co. F, finally got together. F.S. "Slim" Lychock wrote an article in the American Legion Magazine asking members of the 328th to join him and Galaxy Tours to go back to Europe and retrace where we fought in the Bulge. I had not heard from Slim in all these years, so I wrote him asking if he was the Lychock who got frozen feet while a member of Co. F, 328th Regt. He was. Then he gave me the name of Governor Locklear with whom we had fought. I could not locate him. There are hundreds of Locklears in the town he came from. So I wrote the editor of the local newspaper explaining to him that Locklear was in a fox-hole with me at Mon Schuman Crossroads when he got hit with shrapnel. Within two weeks I had six phone calls telling me where he was plus his phone number.

Bennie Lawson, Dominic Giovinazzo and I had been in touch with each other. We three were taken prisoner in Saarlouis-Roden. There were 11 of us captured at that time. After talking with all four, Slim, Locklear, Bennie and Dom, we decided to have a mini-reunion at my place on Lake Norman. We spent a wonderful week together renewing memories. This meeting led to other things like four of us going back to Europe and retracing where we fought in the Bulge. But by this time we had found two more guys who were there - Frank Meier, 328th Regt., Co. F and James M. Zellner of the 180th FA Hq. Btry.

So Slim Lychock, Frank Meier, Jim Zellner and I met in Amsterdam, Holland, rented a nine-passenger Volkswagen and toured the battlefields. We went to the battlefields around Eschdorf, Mon Schuman Crossroads and several villages we liberated. Then on to Saarlouis-Roden. We found the house where I helped Frank set up a machinegun in a window when they blew the house in on top of 11 of us and we were taken prisoner. Frank managed to escape and later was wounded at a place called Hocker Hill which we also visited. All in all the thrill of finding someone you had experiences with like this after 42 years is something undescrivable.

.. By Ernest L. Brown, National Service Officer, American Ex-POWs

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"Kilroy" says:*



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